

PHOTOGRAPHIC LIBRARIES

I. Background:

In the Washington area there are four major governmental photographic libraries that are utilized by the Photographic Intelligence Center in the procurement of material for various studies.

- A. Photo Records and Services Division, USAF
- B. OP 922 H1(L), US Navy
- C. Photo Unit, ID Branch AGSI, US Army
- D. Graphics Register, OOR, Central Intelligence Agency

In addition to the above mentioned organizations, the US Geological Survey and the Department of Agriculture hold extensive domestic aerial coverage. Information pertaining to commercial or other holdings is normally available through the Country Photo Index files produced by the Air Force.

II. Organizations:

A. United States Air Force

Detachment 1
Photo Records and Services Division
Aeronautical Chart and Information Center
Midway Building
23rd & Oklahoma Ave. N.E.
Washington 25, D.C.

The following five units of PRSD are utilized in the search for, and procurement of, Air Force material for PIC.

1. AGRPL-3

Call Mr. H. Hermann	Code 1260	Ext. 105
Mr. P. Coggin		106

This office is concerned with maintaining up to date information as to the extent and degree of completion of Air Force and contract collection efforts. This office is also responsible for the production of the Country Photo Index Sheets. These sheets indicate (at a small scale) the type, amount, scale and date of coverage over a given country.

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2. ACRPL-32

Call Mr. J. Feruzza Code 1260 ext. 107
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This is primarily a research organization for the Air Force or for non-defense coverage requests. It is useful for information pertaining to spot coverage research requests.

3. ACRPL-33

Call Mr. J. Barnes Code 1260 ext. 120
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The library unit of PRSD (ACRPL-33) maintains the Operation Print Files (OPF), Spot Photography files, and the Standard Index System binder files (SIS).

The Operational Print file consists of select aerial coverage that is available for both viewing and loan purposes. The major portion of this coverage is of the Bloc Areas and consists of both World War II (German and USAF produced photography) and late date material (Red Owl and CNAF). These are not complete collections, but do give considerable aerial coverage.

The Spot Files are available for viewing only and consist of attaches collected ground and aerial photography of individual targets. This file is set up on a degree square system with all coverage in a given degree square being located in a single file unit.

The Standard Index System of acetate plot overlays gives an accurate picture of all US held aerial coverage over a given location. This file consists of some 100,000 acetate overlays (keyed to 1:250,000 scale maps) broken down to some 19,000 degree square binders. Mission numbers, exposure numbers, focal length, altitude, date and quality of the photography, and the OPF file numbers (if prints exist) can be obtained from these overlays. In addition to the SIS binders, there is a file of indices indicating foreign photographic holdings that are available to this country.

4. ACRPL 1

Call Mr. J. Leap Code 1260 ext. 286
 Mr. S. Michelson 287

ACRPL 1 coordinates and controls all requests for photographic material that are levied on the Air Force. Files are maintained that indicate the existence of film for a given mission or exposure (cut film) and also the availability of such material.





5. ACCEPL 1

Call Mr. Eichner Code 1260 ext. 244
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This unit processes and handles all film and photography shipped in response to requests levied on the Air Force.

3. US Navy

Office of Naval Intelligence
OP 922EH(L)
US Naval Photo Interpretation Center
4301 Suitland Road
Washington, D.C.

Call Mr. O. Gwaltney Code 199 ext. 377

The HI files are composed of all Navy produced aerial and ground photography and materials are available for viewing and loan. The attaché and spot files are presently being converted from a geographic area basis to a degree square system. Mission coverage is filed by flight and sortie numbers. Note: To find aerial (mission) coverage of specific locations the SIS binders at PRSD must be researched for missions and exposure numbers. There is, however, a card file available that can give the analyst the general location information of the coverage of specific missions.

c. US Army

Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Intelligence Document Branch
Photo Unit
Room 2D533
Pentagon Building
Washington, D.C.

Call Lt. Allen Code 11 ext 55439

The Photo Unit receives and maintains all photography and negatives accomplished by Army attache Stations and Army Commands. Photography is filed by a degree square system by material types and also personalities. Prints are rarely available on a loan basis but original negatives can readily be obtained.

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B. Central Intelligence Agency

Office of Central Reference
Graphics Register
Room E-12
Building 14
26th and Constitution Ave. N.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

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The Graphics Register maintains files of all photographic materials obtained by [redacted] the Liaison Division of OCR, and by DD/P. In addition, photography obtained from State Department, and the military services [redacted] can be obtained from this office. The files are presently being converted from a geographic place name system to one based on World Aeronautical Chart (WAC) and then geographic place name within the WAC area. Prints are available for viewing only, and negatives are available on loan for short periods of time. [redacted] report number and negatives are available. A very small number of these prints have been incorporated into the print file.

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Domestic Coverage

Information pertaining to the existence, availability and purchase of non-defense-held domestic aerial coverage is available through two sources, the Map Information office of the US Geological Survey and the Commodity Stabilization Service of the Department of Agriculture.

The largest single source for domestic photographic coverage is the Commodity Stabilization Service of the Department of Agriculture. Coverage is vertical and mostly at a scale of 1:20,000 and indices are available for all coverage. Material must be ordered directly from one of the following two offices:

Eastern Laboratory
Performance and Aerial Photography Division
Commodity Stabilization Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington 25, D.C.

This office, located in the old Post Office Building, 10th and Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., maintains photo index sheets (on a county basis) of all non-defense photography covering the Eastern part of the United States, including the Great Plains, South Dakota, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas

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Western Laboratory
Performance and Aerial Photography Division
Commodity Stabilization Service
U.S. Department of Agriculture
167 West Second South
Salt Lake City, Utah

Indices and mosaics are available (county basis) at this office on the Western United States including North Dakota and Kansas.

Generally, print costs run from 45¢ to 65¢ depending on the number of prints ordered. Photo indices are \$1.10 per sheet. Print orders will take at least 30 days to be filled.

Commercial and other private holdings not available through PMSD are obtained through Contact Division, Office of Operations.

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